(c) if so, what remedial steps have been taken to save the l'ves °* tribal people in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE JN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No/Sir.

(b) Does no* arise.

(c) A programme to eradicate guinea-worm diease is in operation in the guinea-worm endemic States including' Rajasthan. Control .activities whicii include management of the giu'neaworm cases and render, ing of unsafe water safe for human consumption, are implemented through tho effected Primary Health Centres.

Shortage *of* pilots m Indian Airlines

366. SHRl MUKHTIAR SINGH' MALIK:
SHRJ., SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT 'be please,! to state:

(a) whether Goverflrnent's .attention has been- drawn to.tbe news item,which appeared, in the, Telegraph' of 17 th June, 1986 wherein it had been stated that there waj shortage 0f pilots jn the Indian Airlines;

.(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how far it has affected the function ing of the Indian Airlines; and

(d) what remedial measures Govern ment propose to take to meet the shortage of pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE, IN THE I DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Shy However, the press report is not based on facts. There is at present no shortage of pilots in Indian Airlines^

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Acquisition of supersonic cununerciju Jet "Concorde" on Lease

367. SHRi MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :

WUl the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to acquire the supersonic commercial jet "Concorde" on Jease for operation on the Dalhi London-Delhi route;

(b) if so, the number of such aircrafts which are likely to be acquired and the terms for acquiring them; and

(c) by when these jets are likeiy te be acquired?

-THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THI DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATIOl (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER); (a) to (c Air-India _n have, no plans to obtai: "Concorde" aircraft on lease at present.

Filling up of the posts of Hindi Stenographers/clerks

368. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALICK:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA;

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT ! pleased to state:

(a) the number of Posts of Hin Stenographers! clerks lying vacant in ti Indian Airlines and Air India, separatel

.(b) since when these posts have be< lying, vacant and what are the reaso therefor; and

(ej ,by ,when these posts are likely be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TI DEPARTMENT OF CIVJL AVIATK (SHRl' JAGDISH TYTLER); <aJ , Indian Airlines no posts of Hindi Sten